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Sir:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 77-80 as follows.

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more orally deliverable dose units, each comprising particulate celecoxib in an amount of about 10 mg to about 1000 mg in intimate mixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein a single dose unit, upon oral administration to a fasting subject, provides a time course of blood serum concentration of celecoxib having at least one of
 - (a) a time to reach 100 ng/ml not greater than about 0.5 h after administration;
 - (b) a time to reach maximum concentration (T_{max}) not greater than about 3 h after administration;